

at least one rib having an outboard side and an inboard side, said at least one rib extending between said main body and said radial flange, and contacting said radial flange on said inboard side of said at least one rib.

21. (New) The wheel hub of claim 20, wherein said inboard side of said radial flange defines a smooth continuous curve.

22. (New) The wheel hub of claim 20, wherein said at least one rib is tapered in width.

23. (New) The wheel hub of claim 20, further comprising at least one wheel bolt aperture in said radial flange, and said at least one rib is positioned adjacent to said at least one wheel bolt aperture.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended. The amendments introduce no new subject matter and are supported by the specification at page 6, lines 22-24 and Figures 4 and 6.

Respectfully submitted,

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